

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:

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Application No.: Herewith

Filed: Herewith

Art Unit: N/A

For: METHOD AND PROBE FOR  
IDENTIFYING BACTERIAL VIRULENCE  
MODIFYING AGENTS, AGENTS THUS  
IDENTIFIED, AND THEIR USE

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.

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**FEE CALCULATION**

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

X If checked, Small Entity status is claimed

|   | No. Claims<br>After<br>Amendment |       | Highest<br>No.<br>Previously<br>Paid For |   | Extra<br>Present |   | Rate | Additional<br>Fee |
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| First presentation of multiple dependent claim(s) |                                  |       |  |   |                  | X |      | \$                |
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\* not less than 20

\*\* not less than 3

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**CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST**

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2215.